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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Gene F. Wilson
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SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted] St. Louis Post
Dispatch

On 6 July [redacted] contacted me by telephone and indicated he was doing a follow-up article to [redacted] ACLU article on mail intercept. [redacted] wanted to know the number of requests [redacted] article generated. I responded that the best I could determine, it had generated 500 to 700 letters inquiring about mail intercept. I indicated that the [redacted] article neglected to point out that the mail intercept was between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. As a result, I felt that many of the letters inquiring about mail intercept may have been from people who had never written to U.S.S.R. Further, we had found that only a very small portion of the people who inquired had ever had their mail intercepted. When [redacted] asked additional questions regarding the mail intercept program, I advised him that it was best explained in the Rockefeller report and suggested he use that report as the background for his article. [redacted] thanked me for my assistance and indicated that his article could generate additional business for us.

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Gene F. Wilson

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